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30 YEARS IN THE FUTURE
CASTLE MOBIUS--
HIDDEN PASSAGEWAY

SONIC: 30 YEARS LATER

What's **OLD** is **NEW** Again

SILVER THE
HEDGEHOG
TIME-TRAVELER

SALLY ACORN
QUEEN OF
MOBIUS

KEEP UP,
KIDS. WE NEED
TO GET TO
THE SPECIAL
HIDEY-ROOM.

SONIA
ACORN
PRINCESS OF
MOBIUS

MANIK ACORN
PRINCE OF
MOBIUS

MOMMY!
MOMMY! IS
THIS A GAME?
IT'S AWFUL LATE
TO BE PLAYING
GAMES, YOU
KNOW.

I KNOW,
SWEETHEART.
THIS ISN'T A
GAME.

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WHY ARE YOU CARRYING THIS SLEEPING GUY?

MR. SILVER WAS KNOCKED OUT BY THE ENEMY, DEAR. HE'S THE ONE WHO STOPPED THAT ROCKET THIS MORNING, REMEMBER?

OH YEAH! THAT WAS REALLY NICE OF HIM.

WAIT A MINUTE-- ENEMY?

IN THE CASTLE?

WELL, WE'LL JUST TELL THEM TO LEAVE!

NO, DEAR, THE CASTLE HAS BEEN LOCKED DOWN. WE NEED TO GET WHERE IT'S SAFE.



≡ YAWN! ≡

I HAVE TO USE THE BATHROOM.

GRNF!

ONCE WE'RE IN THE PANIC ROOM, DEAR.

PANIC ROOM?

HIDEY-ROOM, I MEAN.

W-WHERE'S DADDY?

I'M SURE HE'S SAFE.

WHILE WE HIDE AWAY...

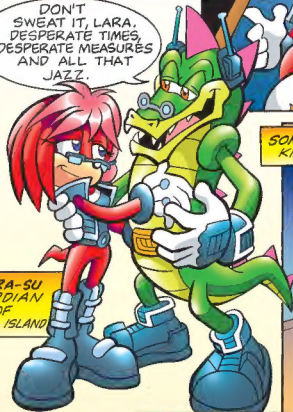


HEY. SORRY TO CALL YOU SO LATE.



DON'T SWEAT IT, LARA. DESPERATE TIMES, DESPERATE MEASURES AND ALL THAT JAZZ.

LARA-SU
GUARDIAN
OF
ANGEL ISLAND



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
KING OF MOBIUS

YOUR MAJESTY!



RELAX. WE'VE GOT TOO MUCH GOING ON TONIGHT TO STAND ON FORMALITY.

ARGYLL CROCODILE
VECTOR'S SON



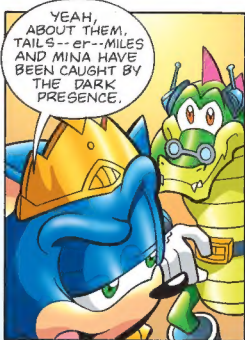
DO YOU ALL KNOW EACH OTHER?

NO, BUT I KNOW ABOUT YOUR PARENTS. IT'S A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR!

SKYE
PROWER
BASHFUL
BUILDER

MELODY PROWER
SPEEDY
SONGSTRESS

SAME HERE! I MEAN, C'MON, YOUR DAD IS HEAD OF THE CHAOTIX!

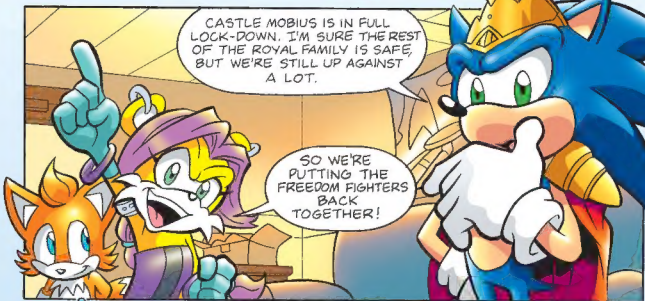


YEAH, ABOUT THEM, TAILS--er--MILES AND MINA HAVE BEEN CAUGHT BY THE DARK PRESENCE.



OUR PARENTS AND THE REST OF THE CHAOTIX ARE PEACE-KEEPING ALL OVER MOBIUS.

RIGHT. THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY TO CALL AT THIS POINT.



CASTLE MOBIUS IS IN FULL LOCK-DOWN. I'M SURE THE REST OF THE ROYAL FAMILY IS SAFE, BUT WE'RE STILL UP AGAINST A LOT.

SO WE'RE PUTTING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BACK TOGETHER!



WHEN LARA CALLED AHEAD LOOKING FOR A SAFE-HOUSE, I FIGURED YOU MIGHT NEED SOME HELP. SO I CALLED A COUPLE OF FRIENDS WHO WERE IN TOWN FOR YOUR BIG SPEECH.



YOU GUYS CAN MAKE YOUR DRAMATIC ENTRANCE NOW.

NO WAY!

CASTLE MOBIUS--
CATACOMBS

WELCOME
BACK TO US,
YOUR
MAJESTY.

SHADOW THE
HEDGEHOG
FORMER KING
OF MOBIUS

LIEN-DA
LEADER OF
THE DARK
PRESENCE

DARK HAND
FIELD AGENT
FOR THE
DARK PRESENCE

SHE USED CHAOS
CONTROL TO FREEZE
YOU IN TIME, YOU'VE BEEN
SEALED IN YOUR OWN CATACOMBS,
YOUR STATE OF SUSPENDED
ANIMATION MAINTAINED BY
THIS DEVICE.

WHAT
HAS HAPPENED?
THE LAST THING
I REMEMBER WAS
FIGHTING THE
GUARDIAN'S DAUGHTER
IN MY THRONE
ROOM.

HE
CHECKS OUT.
ALL VITALS ARE
STABLE.

AFTER
FIVE YEARS?
YOU ARE THE
ULTIMATE
LIFE-FORM,
SIRE.

FIVE
YEARS?

YES
SIR.

THE
QUEEN HAS
REMARRIED
AND HAD
TWINS.
THE WORLD
HAS MOSTLY
ACCEPTED THEIR--
um...

FOLLOW.
KEEP
TALKING.



AS I WAS SAYING! MOST OF THE WORLD HAS GONE ALONG WITH THEIR NEW RULES.

WE'VE TRIED TO DESTABILIZE THINGS, BUT THE CHAOTIX AND POPULAR OPINION HAVE KEPT US AT BAY.




WE'VE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY FOR THIS DAY, THE CASTLE HAS BEEN SECURED AND YOU'VE BEEN FREED. THE WORLD IS POISED FOR YOU TO RETURN AND SET IT BACK ON TRACK.



NO.

VOCAL OVERRIDE: "MARIA'S WISH."

NO? I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SIRE.



REGAINING CONTROL IS NOT ENOUGH. THE WORLD MUST BE PUNISHED FOR ITS INACTION-- FOR MY DISGRACE.



N-NO! NOT WITH THAT!

ARGYLL'S HOUSE

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU GUYS WERE ON THE ISLAND!

**JACQUE D'COOLLETTE
CYBORG
SWORDSMAN**

**BELLE D'COOLLETTE
THE NEW "RABBOT"**

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU! HOW ARE BUNNIE AND 'TWANZ?

ENCHANTÉ, MADMOISELLE, I DO NOT BELIEVE I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE,

THEY'RE DOIN' JUST FINE, THANKS.

I, er, NO...

EASY THERE, SON. YOU SHOULD'VE COME BY THE CASTLE!

WE WERE PLANNING TO TOMORROW, BUT THEN ARGYLL GAVE US THE RALLYING CALL,

I, WELL, a-heh...



OF COURSE, WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOUR MAJESTY.

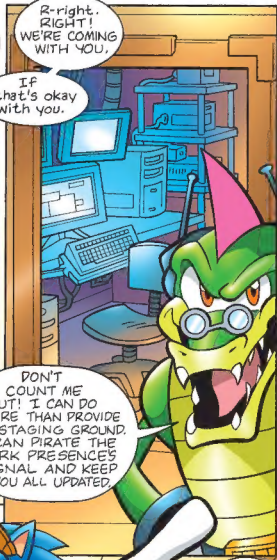
AND WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU. SO OUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE UP TO FOUR MEMBERS.



EXCUSE ME, BUT THERE'S SIX! WE'RE GOING TO HELP RESCUE OUR PARENTS, TOO! RIGHT, SKYE?

IF that's okay with you.

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP



R-right. RIGHT! WE'RE COMING WITH YOU,

DON'T COUNT ME OUT! I CAN DO MORE THAN PROVIDE A STAGING GROUND. I CAN PIRATE THE DARK PRESENCE'S SIGNAL AND KEEP YOU ALL UPDATED.



ALL RIGHT THEN!

FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

LET'S DO IT TO IT!

I told you he says it!

I know! I'm geeking out!

CASTLE MOBIUS--
CATA COMBS

TIKHAOS?
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?



I RELEASED YOU TO BRING BACK YOUR STERN RULE! TO PUNISH THOSE WHO LOCKED YOU AWAY! THIS--SHE IS TOO MUCH!



THAT ARMBAND, IT IS WHAT PROTECTS YOU FROM THE SHIFT IN THE TIME-LINE, CORRECT?*

Y-YES, BUT WHY--



NO!!!

* AS HAPPENED IN STH # 166



RUTAN...!



NOW THEN, LET'S REINTRODUCE YOU TO THE WORLD.

CASTLE MOBIUS--
FRONT
GATES

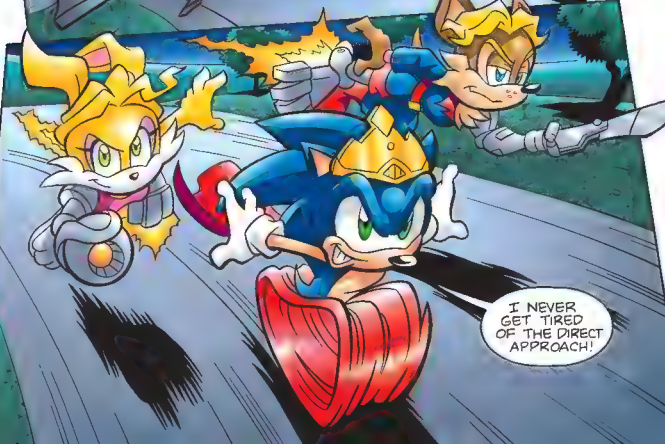
THE DARK EYES
SPIES FOR
THE DARK
PRESENCE

HEY,
DO YOU SEE
THAT?

I...
THINK SO?
IT'S MOVING
REALLY F--



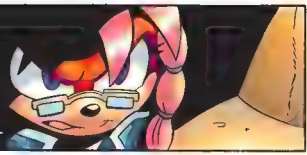
BWOOM



I NEVER
GET TIRED
OF THE DIRECT
APPROACH!

WOW,
THEY REALLY
GOT THEIR ATTENTION.
YOUR TEAM IS
CLEAR.

THANKS,
ARGYLL, KEEP
ME UPDATED. LET'S
MOVE, GUYS.



WOULD
YOU STOP
SHOW-BOATING?!

HE'S STILL
LEARNING TO FLY!
HE CAN'T DO IT
LIKE DAD DOES!



IT WOULD'VE BEEN
NICE TO KNOW THAT
GOING IN.

OKAY,
FOLLOW ME--
QUICK AND
QUIET!



THERE ARE A FEW DARK EYES IN THERE.

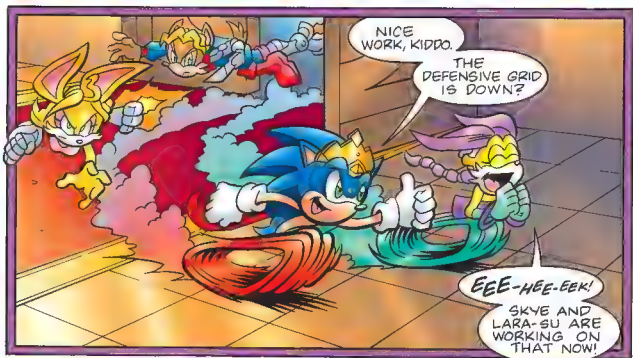
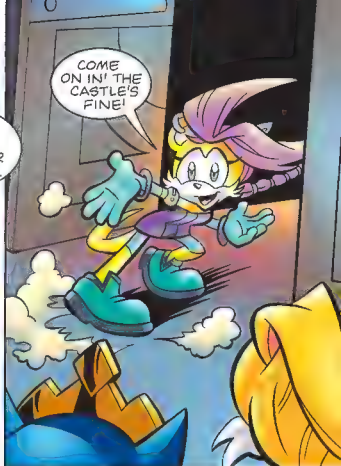
I'M QUICK ENOUGH WE CAN TAKE 'EM DOWN BEFORE ANYONE CAN TRIGGER AN ALARM!

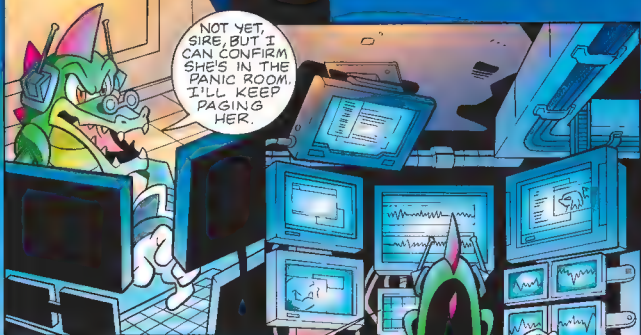
I GUESS I'LL HANG OUT HERE UNTIL YOU'RE DONE...



ACTUALLY... YOU GO IN FIRST!

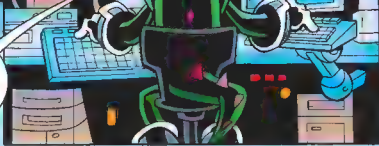




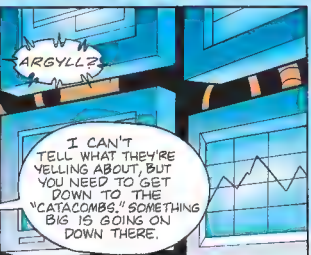


NOT YET, SIRE, BUT I CAN CONFIRM SHE'S IN THE PANIC ROOM. I'LL KEEP PAGING HER.

MOST OF THE DARK PRESENCE IS A MESS RIGHT NOW. THEY KNOW THEY'RE UNDER ATTACK, BUT THEY'VE GOT NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE, HOW MANY, OR WHERE...

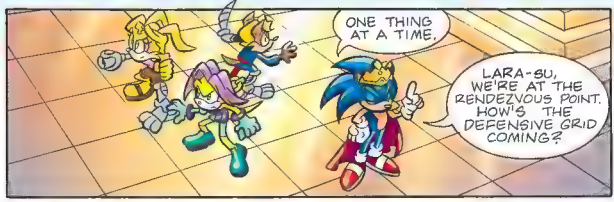


WHOA.



ARGYLL?

I CAN'T TELL WHAT THEY'RE YELLING ABOUT, BUT YOU NEED TO GET DOWN TO THE "CATACOMBS." SOMETHING BIG IS GOING ON DOWN THERE.

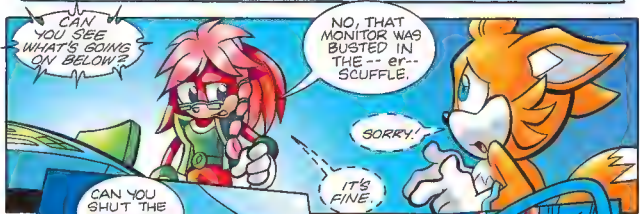


ONE THING AT A TIME.

LARA-SU, WE'RE AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT. HOW'S THE DEFENSIVE GRID COMING?



WRAPPING THINGS UP HERE-- JUST A SECOND!



CAN YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON BELOW?

NO, THAT MONITOR WAS BUSTED IN THE-- er-- SCUFFLE.

SORRY!

IT'S FINE.



CAN YOU SHUT THE WHOLE THING DOWN?

DAD MIGHT BE ABLE TO, BUT I'D NEED A MANUAL.

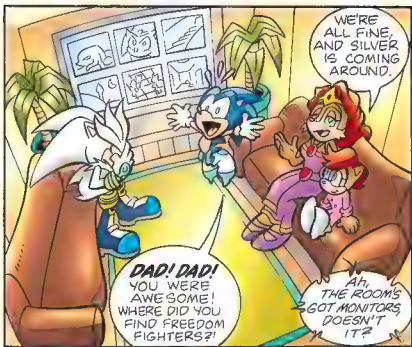
THEN WE'LL DO IT MY DAD'S WAY.

HE WANTED TO REDO THE WHOLE SYSTEM ANYWAY!



I GOT THROUGH TO THE QUEEN! PATCHING HER THROUGH NOW...

HEY, SAL. HOW ARE YOU AND THE KIDS?



WE'RE ALL FINE, AND SILVER IS COMING AROUND.

DAD! DAD! YOU WERE AWESOME! WHERE DID YOU FIND FREEDOM FIGHTERS?!

AH, THE ROOM'S GOT MONITORS, DOESN'T IT?



SURE DOES, YOU'VE BEEN MARVELOUS.

WE'RE NOT DONE YET. LISTEN--ALL I KNOW ABOUT THE CATACOMBS IS ITS DUNGEON. WHAT ELSE IS DOWN THERE?

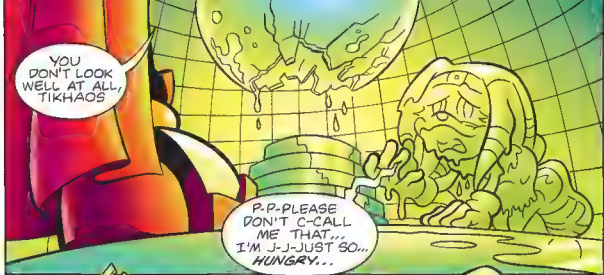


ONLY THE MOST DANGEROUS THREATS TO MOBIUS THAT HAD TO BE QUARANTINED.

DAD! HEY DAD!

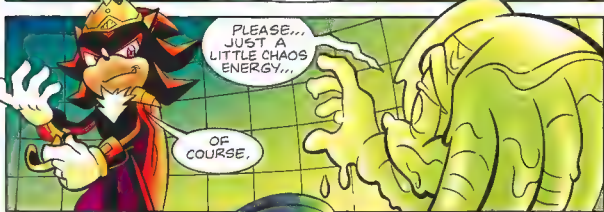
ONE SEC, MANIK. LIKE WHAT?

WELL, E-107 THETA, THE ANARCHY BERYL BOMB, AND...



YOU DON'T LOOK WELL AT ALL, TIKHAOS

P-P-PLEASE DON'T C-CALL ME THAT... I'M J-J-JUST SO... HUNGRY...



PLEASE... JUST A LITTLE CHAOS ENERGY...

OF COURSE,



S-SIR!

I'M RECEIVING WORD THAT KING SONIC HAS RETAKEN THE CASTLE.



KING SONIC...?

LET HIM HAVE IT. IT DOES HIM NO GOOD NOW.

NO!

**TOO MUCH!
TOO MUCH!!!**

NOT AGAIN!

LOSING CONTRRROL!

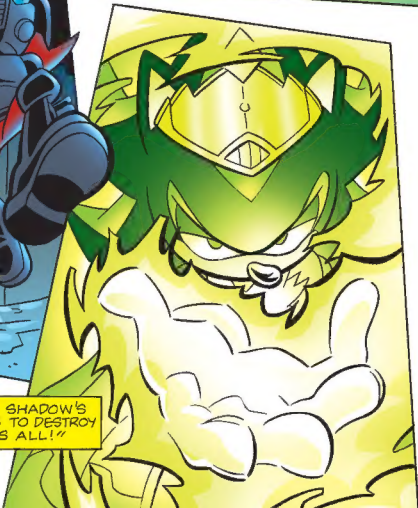


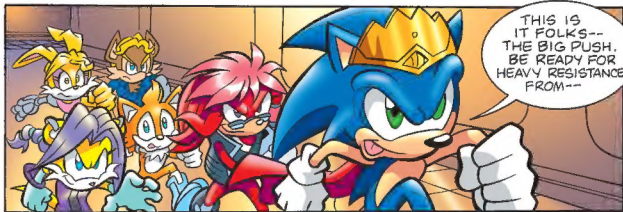
FORGET THIS! I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS!

DARK PRESENCE FALL BACK! EVACUATE THE ISLAND!



"KING SHADOW'S GOING TO DESTROY US ALL!"





THIS IS IT FOLKS-- THE BIG PUSH. BE READY FOR HEAVY RESISTANCE FROM--



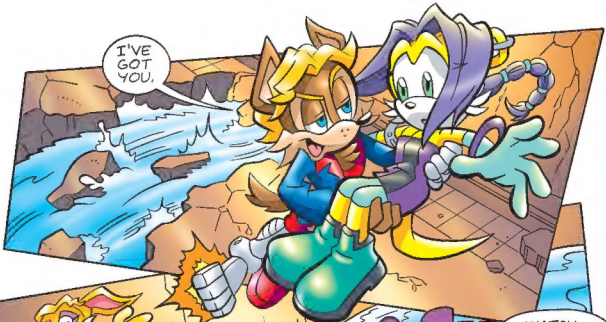
--THE DARK PRESENCE.
Huh.

RUMBLE



YOU'RE A VETERAN HERO, SIRE. IS THAT A GOOD SIGN?

THAT'S NEVER A GOOD SIGN.



I'VE GOT YOU.



BAWOOSH

WATCH YOURSELVES!




AND YOU COME WITH ME, SIRE.

I-I-I CAN FLY...

LET ME HELP THIS TIME, OKAY?



REMEMBER HOW YOU DIDN'T WANT TO WRECK THE FRONT DOOR?



PERFECT TIKHAOS
OVERPOWERED SPIRIT
BOUND TO A GOD

YOU CAN
STOP WORRYING
ABOUT IT
NOW.

Talk about being thrown
into the deep end!

Can the Freedom
Fighters triumph,
or will their first
mission be their last?

Come back for the exciting
final chapter next month!